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Dear Judge Kollar Kotelly,

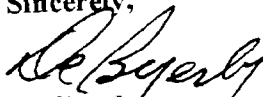
In November of last year it was announced that a settlement had been reached in antitrust case brought by the United States against the Microsoft Corporation. I am writing today to ask you to support this proposed settlement.

After over two long years of litigation the Department of Justice and nine State Attorney Generals have found a reasonable way to settle this case. Despite what critics may say this settlement is equitable because it only addresses the complaints of the case that have been upheld by the courts.

It is also important to note that this agreement also created a mechanism by which Microsoft will be scrutinized to ensure it is following the agreement to the letter. Under this settlement, a completely independent commission will serve as watchdog.

The facts seem simple enough. This settlement represents a workable solution to a tough situation. Additionally, it removes the specter of unnecessary government interference out from over the technology industry. If the high tech industry is allowed to grow and flourish there is no doubt the benefit will flow into all American's pocketbooks eventually.

Sincerely,


De Byerly